



# Governing Board

## SUMMARY MINUTES

Wednesday, November 20, 2013  
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Meeting Location:

Joseph Bort MetroCenter  
101 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Conference Room 171  
Oakland, California 94607

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Clerk of the Governing Board, (510) 464 7900

Agenda and attachments available at:  
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### 1. Call to Order

Samuel Schuchat, Chair, called the meeting to order at about 1:05 p.m.

### 2. Roll Call

Frederick Castro, Clerk, reported that four members were present. A quorum of the Governing Board was present.

Present were Samuel Schuchat, Rosanne Foust, Dave Pine, and John Sutter.

Absent were Keith Caldwell, Dave Cortese, and John Gioia.

Present were Ezra Rapport and Kenneth Moy (ABAG); Judy Kelly and Karen McDowell (San Francisco Estuary Partnership); Amy Hutzel and Melanie Denninger (California State Coastal Conservancy).

### 3. Public Comments

Sandra Threlfall, Waterfront Action, commented on the Restoration Authority meeting notices.

There were no other public comments.

**4. Announcements**

There were no announcements.

**5. Approval of Summary Minutes of September 25, 2013**

A motion to approve the summary minutes of the Governing Board meeting on September 25, 2013, was made by Sutter and seconded by Pine. The motion passed unanimously.

**6. Chair's Report**

**A. Appreciation for Former Governing Board Member Dave Cortese**

Schuchat informed members that a Certificate of Appreciation from ABAG will be presented to Supervisor Cortese for his service on the Governing Board.

**B. Status of Appointment of Successor by ABAG**

Moy reported that notice was sent to supervisors, mayors and councilmembers of Bayside cities and counties informing them of the Governing Board vacancy. Deadline for submitting letters of interest to the ABAG President is November 29, 2013. The ABAG Executive Board is expected to ratify an appointment on December 5, 2013. The term of appointment of the person filling the position will be April 2017.

**C. Proposed Presentation to ABAG Executive Board in January 2014**

Schuchat updated members of a presentation to the ABAG Executive Board at its January 2014 meeting about the Restoration Authority's activities and the upcoming ballot measure, and to solicit support for the Restoration Authority. Gioia and Pine, who are members of the ABAG Executive Board, will make the presentation.

Members reviewed a list of supporters of the Restoration Authority.

**D. Update on Advisory Committee**

Schuchat reported that he had briefed Ben Field, South Bay Labor Council; Mitch Avalon, Contra Costa Public Works and Bay Area Flood Protection Agencies Association; and Chris Elias, Santa Clara Valley Water District, the three newly appointed members to the Advisory Committee, from which he received suggestions regarding outreach and meetings with their respective organizations. He also received

recommendations for a replacement for Dan Taylor of California Audubon and for appointing a person with a scientific background.

#### **7. Report on Draft Expenditure Plan**

Hutzel reported on the draft expenditure plan, including guidance received from a committee on the expenditure plan comprised of Sutter, Pine and Schuchat. A revised plan was circulated among Advisory Committee members for comments.

Members reviewed and discussed the revised expenditure plan, including project eligibility, allocation criteria, specificity of the plan, allocation of funds among program areas, programmatic approach and project list, and authority administration. Next steps include developing a more comprehensive list of potentially eligible projects and associated maps, responding to Advisory Committee members, posting the draft expenditure plan online, and legal counsel review.

#### **8. Report on Restoration Authority Administrative Responsibilities**

Schuchat and Hutzel reported on a preliminary staffing plan and budget for supporting the Restoration Authority after passage of the ballot measure. The plan includes staffing from the Association of Bay Area Governments, San Francisco Estuary Partnership, State Coastal Conservancy, and external consultants, for an annual budget of less than 5% of the proceeds from the measure.

Members discussed the merits of a joint powers agreement between the State Coastal Conservancy, Association of Bay Area Governments, and the Restoration Authority. Members discussed contingency allowance for lawsuits and grant project oversight.

Hutzel described a timeline for informing the respective agency boards about a joint powers agreement, a decision regarding a joint powers agreement by the Governing Board, and approval of a joint powers agreement by the respective agency boards.

Members discussed the impact on current Governing Board membership in the event that a joint powers agreement involves the State Coastal Conservancy, and possible partnership alternatives.

#### **9. Report on Outreach by Governing Board and Advisory Committee**

Schuchat reported that, in addition to briefing the three new Advisory Committee members, he plans to meet with South Bay Labor Council, League of Women Voters, Sierra Club, and League of Conservation Voters. He also reported on the State of Estuary Conference where he participated on a panel on the wetlands protection, flood protection and the Bay Area economy.

Pine reported that he is convening a conference in San Mateo County on sea level rise on December 9, which will include participation by Congresswoman Jackie Speier and State Assemblymember Rich Gordon. He also participated in the wetland tour of Bair Island sponsored by the San Francisco Bay Joint Venture; met with State Assemblymember Kevin Mullin and Assemblymember Gordon for their support. He will follow-up with San Mateo County labor organizations, the Loma Prieta Chapter of the Sierra Club, and with biotech representatives.

Foust reported on meeting with Assemblymembers Gordon and Mullin; efforts to meet with Congressman George Miller; and meeting with the Bay Area Business Coalition. She will follow-up on making a presentation to the San Mateo County Cities/County Association of Governments.

#### **10. Approval of 2014 Schedule for Governing Board Meetings**

Schuchat presented a proposed schedule for Governing Board meetings in 2014. Meetings will be at the California State Coastal Conservancy, 1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room.

Schuchat recognized a motion by Foust, and seconded by Pine, to approve the Governing Board meeting schedule for 2014. The motion passed unanimously.

Schuchat announced that San Francisco Bay Joint Venture wetland tours will start again in April 2014.

#### **11. Adjournment**

The Governing Board meeting adjourned at about 1:42 p.m.

The next Governing Board meeting is on January 29, 2014, 1:30 p.m., at the California State Coastal Conservancy, 1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, Oakland, California.

Submitted by the Clerk of the Governing Board:  
December 20, 2013

Approved by the Governing Board:  
January 29, 2014